

RMCG Information and Education Committee

Conference Call Agenda

July 23, 2014 at 10:00 am MST

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Facilitator – SDWF Jeni Lawver

Notetaker – FWS Steve Segin

Identify who is present

- Introduce Lawrence Lujan – Sheryl
Not on call
- Communications/Info Plan – Lawrence
- CWPP Revisions – Traci/Sheryl (Lisa Mason – Lisa coordinates all of Colorado's CWPPs that pass through the Colorado State Forest Service and is involved in the CWPP process.)

- Please note that the CWPPs are on this website:

<http://csfs.colostate.edu/pages/communitywildfireprotectionplans.html>

Lisa: 211 CWPP in Colorado from FPD, County and HOA's. Legislation requires all counties to develop CWPP's but only 45 have completed them.

Encouraging revision and updates and implementation statewide. CSFS district foresters able to assist. CSU is currently assessing if these plans have been helpful and if they are being implemented. A 60-65% return on the questionnaires which is great.

Sheryl: How does monitoring work? Is it using the web site for monitoring?

Lisa: it varies from district to district and CWPP to CWPP. The survey is the first step to monitor the plans. Hoping to use the survey to reconnect with parties to get them complete.

Is there a need to assist with CWPP in developing plans. Not a bad idea for CSFS to include language on FAC in documents.

What documents from FAC can you use in CWPP development? Great tool and has its advantages and provides for communities to discuss FAC as part of the planning.

Wait for results of surveys before any new process and tweaking is conducted (Chris) and they will be getting some initial results in a year for the work done in CO and it is applicable to other areas outside the region.

Sheryl: if you have any tools or education messages for CWPP or how to put FAC in to it please share examples.

CWPP Guide (Monitoring form on page 20):

http://www.forestsandrangelands.gov/communities/documents/CWPP_Report_Aug2008.pdf

- Mountain West Regional Retrofit Association of Insurance Companies (Does anyone have new information on this?) – Traci

Traci not on call

Any new information? None offered.

- Cohesive Strategy Update – How the Western States are progressing – Rich Homann/Sheryl

The national strategy mirrors what the states are doing. All three regions have completed plans. Still have challenges to resolve some common barriers. Upcoming report will highlight fire science and perceptions. Katie Lighthall is western cohesive strategy coordinator see www.forestandrangelands.gov. Tribes, agencies, states all represented. Its more than a fire strategy, it's a natural resource strategy which will assist with management and protection. FAC is where we see the most action. Getting communities engaged. Can the info/ed committee assist in getting this information out. Provide web and social opportunities from committee agencies
E.g. – Pacific Northwest FAC website/blog: <http://pnwfac.weebly.com/>

- Colorado Fire Adapted Communities update – Chris Barth
CO is top 3 in firewise communities in the US and has 3 of the 18 learning hubs. Learning models share examples and success within the hubs so communities can better adapt and prepare. Its all internal at the moment as is self-assessment tool. Co WUI conference was successful and had a variety of interest and groups. Hope to see FAC focus for the 2015 meeting. Need a mailing list so better communications between groups can be facilitated. Discussed interest in having a FAC sub-group in the region.
- Update on the Fire Prevention Education team activities – Sheryl
Been a quiet season but helping outside the region. Larry H. is signed off as a team leader. Hope the team assignments keeps up so members can get training. Look into

sharing the NW FAC blog and how it can be used here. there were some ordering issues that need to be fixed.

- Social Media issue paper – Lynn

Issue arose concerning SM and needed SM guidance for IMT's. RMA drafted recommendations and sent to IC's for adoption or revision. Big issue was consistency and RMA teams are consistent but need flexibility as to what incident a team is on. Final documents will be shared.

- Local Fire prevention teams. Is there a need? Next year 75th Sturgis rally and establish some prevention messages and look at local resources.
- Other agenda items?
Contact list posted.
- Round Robin (How is everyone supporting Smokey Bear's 70th Birthday?)– Agencies and Team PIOs
WY: Cheyenne Frontier days Smokey is in parade and photos. Booth at the opening of Planes fire rescue movie. Relay for life and handing out roses to survivors.

Montrose PLC will have a birthday event 8/8 for Smokey

CSFS – The Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal (CO-WRAP) is an online mapping tool that is available for use by the public, local community groups, private landowners and professionals at <http://www.coloradowildfirerisk.com>.

Next meeting time and date?

Agenda items for the next meeting.